Norms for National Highways Construction

1012. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make the norms related to construction of national highways more flexible;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether with this objective in view, Government are framing a new Model Concession Agreement (MCA) which provides for risk sharing between Government and the investors; and

(d) if so, the details of MCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) Modified Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for public private partnership in road project is under consideration of the Government. As such it is too early to give the details.

Road proposal from Karnataka

1013. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government have sent any proposal for the sanction of Rs. 2300 crores for laying of four laning of Hassan-Bantwal Section of NH-48, and other four or six lane on NH-13, 63 and NH-48; and

(b) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A request for four/six laning of Hassan-Mangalore Section of NH-48, Hospet-Chitradurga Section of NH-13 and Hospet-Bellary Section of NH-63 has been received from the Government of Karnataka and these proposals have not been included in NHDP Phase-III. However, in the Karnataka total 457 km. length of National Highways comprising stretches of NH-4, 4A, 7, 17 & 48 have been identified for four/six laning on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IIIA.

Inland waterways in Kerala

1014. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala have submitted a project for the inland waterways in Kerala;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether necessary sanctions have been accorded to the project;

(d) the estimated cost of this project and the amount sought from the Central Government;

(e) whether funds have been cleared towards the project;

(f) if so, details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (g) Yes, Sir. Altogether 18 (Nos.) projects (details are given in the Statement *see* below) amounting to Rs. 107.97 crore had been submitted by the Government of Kerala under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of which one project proposal i.e. "Revival of Veli-Kovalam Stretch of T.S. Canal" has been sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 362.22 lakhs. The remaining 17 projects lacked essential details as per CSS guidelines. Hence, clarifications have been sought from the State Government.

An amount of Rs. 65.30 lakhs has already been released to the State Government as advance grant-in-aid under the sanctioned project. As per Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Central share is 90% of the project cost i.e. Rs. 325.998 lakhs. 10% of the project cost is to be met by the State Government from their own budget resources. Balance Central share will be released on receipt of utilization certificate from the State Government.

Statement

Details of Projects from Government of Kerala Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Revival of Veli-Kovalam stretch of TS canal.	362.22
2.	Improvement to IWT feeder canal from Kuttampuram-Mudakkalithodu	91.00
3.	Improvement to Changanacherry - Muttom feeder canal.	220.00
4.	Improvement to Appanchira Canal at Kaduthuruthy.	70.00
5.	Improvements of Moolepadam canal (Br. of Kotta Thodu).	40.00
6.	Improvement to Appuzha Canal at Ayamkudy.	50.50
7.	Improvement to Karikkathara-Kotta Thodu.	32.00

8.	Improvement to Ullala Canal in Vaikom Taluk.	45.00
9.	Improvement to Kariyar Canal in Vaikom Taluk.	50.00
10.	Improvement to Kuruntharapuzha in Vaikom Taluk.	40.00
11.	Improvement to Kodoor Canal upstream of Kodimatha Bridge.	24.00
12.	Improvement to Achinakom Canal in Vaikom Taluk. (Cost proposed by State Rs. 61 lakhs and recommended by IWAI Rs. 49 lakhs)	49.00
13.	Improvement to feeder canals in Kaipuzha, Pallithazham-Athirampuzha, Chanthakadavu, Kaipuzhamuttu, Puthenthodu, Kavanar Canals.	125.00
14.	Improvement of feeder canals to NW-III-Protective works of the KTDC canals.	60.00
15.	Development of terminal facilities in the boat routes of Earnakulam district.	245.30
16.	Development of waterway from Madakkara fishing harbour to Kabbai.	1500.00
17.	Improvement to the Puthenthodu in Vaikom Taluk.	93.00
18.	Development of Ponnani-Kochi Canal between Kottapuram-Andathodu.	7700.00

Accelerated Road Development Programme

1015. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced a Special Accelerated Road Development programme for the North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme would be replicated in any region of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government on 22.09.2005 has approved the implementation of Phase 'A' of the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (SARDP) for the North-Eastern region and the preparation of Detailed Project